

In the Specification

Please replace specification paragraphs 17, 20 and 25 with the respective replacement paragraphs below.

[0017] Protocol handlers 40, 42 use data from user database machine 50 to communicate externally to gateway 115 via network 106. An Internet mail router 60 is connected to internal network [[16]] 106 and handles inbound and outbound communications traffic with an external network such as the Internet 128, as well as X-sockets traffic. If necessary, a separate X-sockets machine and backup machine (not shown) can be added.

[0020] According to an embodiment of the present invention, message store 52 includes a module to control mail messages sent from wireless network 104 444. Such a module may be implemented using hardware or software. Those skilled in the art will appreciate, however, that the process described below may be implemented at any level, ranging from hardware to application software and in any appropriate physical location. For example, the module may be implemented as software code to be executed by the message store 52 using any suitable computer language such as, for example, microcode, and may be stored in, for example, an electrically erasable programmable read only memory (EEPROM). According to another embodiment, the module may be implemented as software code to be executed using any suitable computer language such as, for example, Java, Perl, C or C++ using, for example, conventional or object-oriented techniques. The software code may be stored as a series of instructions or commands on a computer readable medium, such as random access memory (RAM), read only memory (ROM), a magnetic medium such as a hard-drive or a floppy disk, or an optical medium such as CD-ROM. The module may also be a computer, such as a workstation or a personal computer, a microprocessor, a network server, a Java virtual machine, or an application specific integrated circuit, using any suitable type of computer instruction.

[0025] FIG. 3 illustrates an embodiment of a user interface [[10]] 150 with which users can activate the non-forwarding feature. User interface 150 includes a new message

window 12 and a message options window 14 according to an embodiment of the present invention. New message window 12 allows a user to compose a new message 16 in a conventional manner. Options window 14 allows a sender to provide certain instructions to the system 10 in connection with the delivery of the message composed in message window 12. To display the options window 14, the sender typically selects Options (not shown) from a View menu 20. The new message window 12 and options window 14 represent Microsoft Outlook 2000[®] windows for illustration purposes. Those skilled in the art will recognize, however, that these examples do not limit the invention to a particular electronic mail system, but that the invention is applicable to any electronic mail system.